

Chapter III Needs Assessment

1. In view of the complexity of the problem of non-engaged youth, the Commission sees the need to conduct a research study on to assess the needs of these youth in Hong Kong. The study aims to give objective data in areas of personal development, skills training, career development, employment opportunities and risk behavior prevention. Professor Joseph Lau, Director of Centre for Clinical Trials and Epidemiological Research, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, conducted the study in collaboration with the Hong Kong Council of Social Service and Dr. Howard Cheng of Hong Kong Polytechnic University in September 2002. The final report on the research study is expected to complete around March 2003.